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SHEEP, LAMB AND GOAT INVENTORY JANUARY 1, 2015

ARIZONA

The January 1, 2015 inventory of all sheep and lambs in Arizona totaled 150,000 head, unchanged from January 1, 2014. The number of breeding sheep and lambs decreased by 2 percent from last year to 107,000 head while market sheep and lambs increased by 5 percent to 43,000 head. The number of replacement lambs increased 9 percent to 24,000 head. The number of ewes one year old and older decreased 5 percent from last year to 76,000 head. The number of rams one year old and older, at 7,000 head remained unchanged. Of the 43,000 head of market sheep and lambs, 4,000 head were market sheep and 39,000 head were market lambs. There were 12,000 lambs weighing less than 65 pounds this year, unchanged from a year earlier; 8,000 head were in the 65-84 pound weight group compared with 3,000 head the previous year; 5,000 head weighed 85-105 pounds compared with 13,000 head last year; and 14,000 head weighed over 105 pounds compared with 9,000 head in this weight group on January 1, 2014. The 2014 lamb crop, at 49,000 head, was up 9 percent from the 2013 lamb crop. Wool production in Arizona during 2014 totaled 680,000 pounds, up 3 percent from the previous year. The number of all sheep and lambs shorn, at 115,000 head, was up 5 percent from 110,000 head shorn a year earlier. The value of wool production for 2014 totaled \$748,000, and was up 42 percent from a year earlier as producers received \$1.10 per pound of wool sold compared with \$0.80 per pound the previous year.

Angora goat inventory was up 9 percent from last year at 36,000 head. Meat and other goats accounted for 28,000 head on January 1, 2015, up 12 percent from last year. Mohair production in Arizona totaled 120,000 pounds, up 14 percent from the previous year. The number of angora goats clipped at 33,000 head was up 10 percent from last year. The value of mohair production for 2014 totaled \$138,000 and was down 3 percent from the previous year as producers received \$1.15 per pound of mohair compared to \$1.35 last year.

COLORADO

The January 1, 2015 inventory of all sheep and lambs in Colorado totaled 420,000 head, up 15 percent from January 1, 2014. The number of breeding sheep and lambs increased by 29 percent from last year to 220,000 head while market sheep and lambs increased by 3 percent to 200,000 head. The number of replacement lambs increased from 23,000 head in 2014 to 30,000 head. The number of ewes one year old and older increased 30 percent from last year to 184,000 head. The number of rams one year old and older, at 6,000 head, are up 1,000 head from last year. Of the 200,000 head of market sheep and lambs, 5,000 head were market sheep and 195,000 head were market lambs. There were 5,000 lambs weighing less than 65 pounds this year, up 2,000 head from a year earlier; 8,000 head were in the 65-84 pound weight group, down 4,000 head from the previous year; 34,000 head weighed 85-105 pounds compared with 60,000 head last year; and 148,000 head weighed over 105 pounds compared with 118,000 head in this weight group on January 1, 2014. The 2014 lamb crop, at 200,000 head, was up 14 percent from the 2013 lamb crop. Wool production in Colorado during 2014 totaled 2.40 million pounds, up 14 percent from the previous year. The number of all sheep and lambs shorn, at 340,000 head, was up 10 percent from 310,000 head shorn a year earlier. The value of wool production for 2014 totaled \$4.44 million, and was up 11 percent from a year earlier as producers received \$1.85 per pound of wool sold compared with \$1.90 per pound the previous year.

Meat and other goats accounted for 25,000 head compared with 22,000 head on January 1, 2014 and milk goats totaled 10,000 head, up from 9,000 head a year ago.

MONTANA

The January 1, 2015 inventory of all sheep and lambs in Montana totaled 215,000 head, down 2 percent from January 1, 2014. The number of breeding sheep and lambs decreased by 3 percent from last year to 193,000 head while market sheep and lambs were unchanged at 22,000 head. The number of replacement lambs decreased from 37,000 head in 2014 to 34,000 head. The number of ewes one year old and older decreased 1 percent from last year to 153,000 head. The number of rams one year old and older, at 6,000 head, remained unchanged. Of the 22,000 head of market sheep and lambs, 2,000 head were market sheep and 20,000 head were market lambs. There were 1,000 lambs weighing less than 65 pounds this year, down 1,000 head from a year earlier; 3,000 head were in the 65-84 pound weight group, down 3,000 head from the previous year; 10,000 head weighed 85-105 pounds compared with 6,000 head last year; and 6,000 head weighed over 105 pounds compared with 7,000 head in this weight group on January 1, 2014. The 2014 lamb crop, at 200,000 head, was unchanged from the 2013 lamb crop. Wool production in Montana during 2014 totaled 1.66 million pounds, down 6 percent from the previous year. The number of all sheep and lambs shorn, at 185,000 head, was down 8 percent from a year earlier. The value of wool production for 2014 totaled \$3.4 million and was down 13 percent from a year earlier. Producers received \$2.05 per pound of wool sold compared with \$2.20 per pound the previous year.

NEW MEXICO

The January 1, 2015 inventory of all sheep and lambs in New Mexico totaled 90,000 head, up 11 percent from January 1, 2014. The number of breeding sheep and lambs increased by 12 percent from last year to 76,000 head while market sheep and lambs increased by 8 percent to 14,000 head. The number of replacement lambs increased by 2,000 head to 14,000 head. The number of ewes one year old and older increased 9 percent from last year to 58,000 head. The number of rams one year old and older, at 4,000 head, are up 1,000 head from last year. Of the 14,000 head of market sheep and lambs, 2,000 head were market sheep and 12,000 head were market lambs. There were 3,000 lambs weighing less than 65 pounds this year, up 1,000 head from a year earlier; 4,000 head were in the 65-84 pound weight group, down 1,000 head from the previous year; 3,000 head weighed 85-105 pounds, unchanged from last year; and 2,000 head weighed over 105 pounds compared with 1,000 head in this weight group on January 1, 2014. The 2014 lamb crop, at 45,000 head, was up 18 percent from the 2013 lamb crop. Wool production in New Mexico during 2014 totaled 630,000 pounds, up 7 percent from the previous year. The number of all sheep and lambs shorn, at 81,000 head, was up 9 percent from 74,000 head shorn a year earlier. The value of wool production for 2014 totaled \$1.04 million, and was up 30 percent from a year earlier as producers received \$1.65 per pound of wool sold compared with \$1.35 per pound the previous year.

Angora goat inventory at 11,000 head was up 1,000 head from last year. Mohair production in 2014 totaled 35,000 pounds, up from 30,000 pounds in 2013. The number of angora goats clipped at 9,000 head was up 20 percent from the previous year. The value of mohair production totaled \$42,000 down 12 percent from a year earlier as producers received \$1.20 per pound of angora sold compared with \$1.60 per pound the previous year.

UTAH

The January 1, 2015 inventory of all sheep and lambs in Utah totaled 290,000 head, up 4 percent from January 1, 2014. The number of breeding sheep and lambs increased by 4 percent from last year to 270,000 head while market sheep and lambs remained unchanged at 20,000 head. The number of replacement lambs increased from 37,000 head in 2014 to 40,000 head. The number of ewes one year old and older increased 2 percent from last year to 220,000 head. The number of rams one year old and older, at 10,000 head, are up 2,000 head from last year. Of the 20,000 head of market sheep and lambs, 2,000 head were market sheep and 18,000 head were market lambs. There were 2,000 lambs weighing less than 65 pounds this year, up 1,000 head from a year earlier; 2,000 head were in the 65-84 pound weight group, unchanged from the previous year; 5,000 head weighed 85-105 pounds compared with 7,000 head last year; and 9,000 head weighed over 105 pounds compared with 8,000 head in this weight group on January 1, 2014. The 2014 lamb crop, at 235,000 head, was up 4 percent from the 2013 lamb crop. Wool production in Utah during 2014 totaled 2.25 million pounds, up 2 percent from the previous year. The number of all sheep and lambs shorn, at 245,000 head, was up 2 percent from 240,000 head shorn a year earlier. The value of wool production for 2014 totaled \$4.05 million, and was up 15 percent from a year earlier as producers received \$1.80 per pound of wool sold compared with \$1.60 per pound the previous year.

WYOMING

The January 1, 2015 inventory of all sheep and lambs in Wyoming totaled 345,000 head, down 3 percent from January 1, 2014. The number of breeding sheep and lambs decreased by 2 percent from last year to 260,000 head while market sheep and lambs decreased by 6 percent to 85,000 head. The number of replacement lambs increased from 38,000 head in 2014 to 43,000 head. The number of ewes one year old and older decreased 5 percent from last year to 210,000 head. The number of rams one year old and older, at 7,000 head remained unchanged. Of the 85,000 head of market sheep and lambs, 4,000 head were market sheep and 81,000 head were market lambs. There were 2,000 lambs weighing less than 65 pounds this year, down 1,000 head from a year earlier; 6,000 head were in the 65-84 pound weight group, down 2,000 head from the previous year; 46,000 head weighed 85-105 pounds compared with 51,000 head last year; and 27,000 head weighed over 105 pounds, unchanged from January 1, 2014. The 2014 lamb crop, at 240,000 head, was up 7 percent from the 2013 lamb crop. Wool production in Wyoming during 2014 totaled 2.30 million pounds, down 6 percent from the previous year. The number of all sheep and lambs shorn, at 250,000 head, was down 12 percent from 285,000 head shorn a year earlier. The value of wool production for 2014 totaled \$4.53 million, and was down 13 percent from a year earlier. Producers received \$1.97 per pound of wool sold compared with \$2.13 per pound the previous year.

UNITED STATES

All sheep and lamb inventory in the United States on January 1, 2015, totaled 5.28 million head, up 1 percent from 2014. Breeding sheep inventory increased to 3.94 million head on January 1, 2015, up 1 percent from 3.90 million head on January 1, 2014. Ewes one year old and older, at 3.11 million head, were 1 percent above last year. Market sheep and lambs on January 1, 2015, totaled 1.35 million head, unchanged from January 1, 2014. Market lambs comprised 94 percent of the total market inventory. Twenty-four percent were lambs under 65 pounds, 12 percent were 65 - 84 pounds, 20 percent were 85 - 105 pounds, and 38 percent were over 105 pounds. Market sheep comprised the remaining 6 percent of total market inventory. The 2014 lamb crop of 3.44 million head, was up 2 percent from 2013. The 2014 lambing rate was 111 lambs per 100 ewes one year old and older on January 1, 2014, up 4 percent from 2013. Shorn wool production in the United States during 2014 was 26.7 million pounds, down 1 percent from 2013. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 3.68 million head, also down 1 percent from 2013. The average price paid for wool sold in 2014 was \$1.46 per pound for a total value of \$38.9 million dollars, down 1 percent from \$39.2 million dollars in 2013. Sheep death loss during 2014 totaled 220,000 head, a decrease of 2 percent from 2013. Lamb death loss increased 1 percent from 360,000 head in 2013 to 365,000 head in 2014.

All goat inventory in the United States on January 1, 2015, totaled 2.68 million head, up 2 percent from 2014. Breeding goat inventory totaled 2.20 million head, up 2 percent from 2014. Does one year old and older, at 1.65 million head, were 3 percent above last year's number. Market goats and kids totaled 471,000 head, up 2 percent from a year ago. Kid crop

for 2014 totaled 1.71 million head for all goats, up 2 percent from 2013. Meat and all other goats totaled 2.15 million head on January 1, 2015, up 2 percent from 2014. Milk goat inventory was 365,000 head, up 2 percent from January 1, 2014, while Angora goats were up 8 percent, totaling 160,000 head. Mohair production in the United States during 2014 was 880,000 pounds. Goats and kids clipped totaled 159,000 head. Average weight per clip was 5.5 pounds. Mohair price was \$4.85 per pound with a value of \$4.27 million dollars.

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